

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of January 14, 2003 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

In the present Amendment, claims 1-34 have been canceled, and claims 35-57 have been added. Therefore, claims 35-57 are currently pending in the application.

In the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, claims 1-5, 9, 11-19, 21-23, 25-27, 29, and 31-34 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-56 of U.S. Patent No. 6,335,776. Claims 1, 3-5, 21-23 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 5-297412 (JP '412) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,184,961 to Ham ("Ham"). Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '412 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,694,185 to Oh ("Oh") and Ham. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '412 and Ham as applied to claims 1, 3-5, 21-23 and 33, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,907,376 to Shimada et al. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '412 and Ham as applied to claims 1, 3-5, 21-23 and 33, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,528,396 to Someya et al. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '412 and Ham as applied to claims 1, 3-5, 21-23 and 33, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,448,492 to Huffman. Claim 32 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '412 and Ham as applied to claims 1, 3-5, 21-23 and 33, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,249,070 to Takano. Claims 6-8, 10, 20, 26, 28 and 30 had been withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Applicants deem that the rejections set forth in the January 14, 2003, Office Action are rendered moot by the cancellation of the rejected claims. Applicants submit that the new claims are allowable over the previously-relied upon references in that each independent claim 35, 56 and 57 recites at least the feature "a common-auxiliary electrode surrounding said pixel electrode on a same layer whereon said pixel electrode is formed." None of the cited reference teach or suggest at least this feature of the present invention.

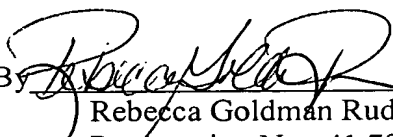
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